

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present amendment and remarks are in response to the final office action entered in the above-identified case and mailed on March 19, 2004. Claims 1-9 are pending in the application. Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Kundorf, U.S. Patent No. 6,553,217. Additionally, claim 5 has been canceled. Claim 1 is only independent claim pending in the application. Claim 1 now includes a description of an intelligent network as including both a service switching point and a service control point. Further, the method of claim also now includes the step of sending a connection message and a charge message from the service control point to the service control switching point. These features are not disclosed by Kundorf.

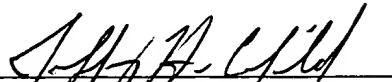
Kundorf only teaches the use of control information for marking the presence of a preferred call number, and signaling from a mobile station to mobile radio network to initiate subscriber specific charging. Kundorf teaches nothing however, regard a service control point transmitting both a connection message and a charging message to a service switching point, where both the service control point and the service switching point are elements of an intelligent network. Additionally, Kundorf fails to teach that the service switching point subsequently sets up a telecommunication connection. Since Kundorf fails to disclose these features of the claimed invention Kundorf does not anticipate under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) and the claims should be allowed. Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

Applicant therefore requests that the Examiner allow the claims move the application to issue. However, if there are any remaining issues the Examiner is encouraged to call Applicants' attorney, Jeffrey H. Canfield at (312) 807-4233 in order to facilitate a speedy disposition of the present case.

If any additional fees are required in connection with this response they may be charged to deposit account no. 02-1818.

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